



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: J. Carman)
FOR: METHODS FOR PRODUCING)
APOMICTIC PLANTS)
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

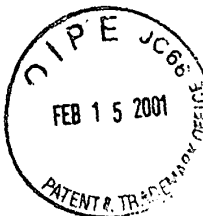
This preliminary amendment is filed prior to action on the merits of the application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims to read as follows:

1. (Amended) A method for obtaining apomictic plants from sexual plants comprising:
- (a) obtaining at least two sets of delineated lines from a plant species or group of related plant species that are differentiated by their flowering responses to various photoperiods and by their start times and durations of female developmental stages relative to development of nongametophytic

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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

Date of Deposit:

February 9, 2001

I hereby certify that the enclosed Preliminary Amendment in the name of the John G. Carman for METHODS FOR PRODUCING APOMICTIC PLANTS together with a Declaration of John G. Carman Under 37 C.F.R. §1.132 including fifteen (15) sheets of drawings and eight (8) sheets of tables, and a postcard are being deposited with the United States Postal Service under 37 C.F.R. Section 1.08 on the date indicated above in an envelope addressed to Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

Respectfully submitted this 9th day of February, 2001.

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